

U. S. REDUCES EMBASSY RANK FOR GERMANY

Lower Diplomatic Grade for
Turkey Temporarily.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Charge of embassy will be the rank of the first American diplomatic representative to Germany after the ratification of the peace treaty, for not until sufficient time has elapsed to test the workings of the treaty and the spirit in which the present government of Germany undertakes to carry out its provisions will the representative give place to a fully accredited ambassador. This plan, it was learned today, also will be followed by the entente governments.

Out of consideration for the senate which might resent any action on the part of the executive branch anticipatory of the disposition of the treaty, it was said today that at present it was not possible to announce the name of the person who will assume the important office of charge at Berlin, but it was intimated that the selection would be made from the ranks of some of the embassy secretaries, who by reason of long service and training are regarded as equipped for the discharge of the heavy and responsible duties connected with the re-establishment of full diplomatic relations with the late enemy country.

There is no disposition, it was learned, to reduce the rank of the American diplomatic representation in Germany, which still remains one of the great nations of the world. But it is understood to be planned to make such a change in the case of Austria and Hungary. Separated as the two states are, into two separate nations greatly reduced in size and importance, these countries will be regarded as properly entitled to missions only and there will be a minister plenipotentiary provided for each.

The Turkish embassy also is due for reduction in rank, it was learned. Considering the small size of the country which will remain under Turkish control, it may be that the remnant will have to be content to share an American minister with Bulgaria and any lesser state that may remain in the Balkans.

'Aida' Is One of Best Works of Verdi; Scenes Laid in Ancient Egypt

"Aida," the opera to be presented Friday night at the state fair auditorium by the Chicago Grand Opera company, is regarded as one of the finest of the works of Verdi, famous Italian composer.

The scene of the opera is laid in the Egyptian cities of Memphis and Thebes at the time Egypt was mistress of the world.

Here, briefly, is its plot:

Aida Is Princess.

Aida, captured daughter of Amun, king of Ethiopia, is a slave to Princess Amneris, daughter of the Egyptian king. Both Aida and Amneris are in love with Rhadames, captain of the palace guard. When the Ethiopian king begins an invasion of Egypt, Rhadames is chosen to lead the Egyptian army. While he is absent, Amneris, to discover whether Aida is really her rival, tells the captive that Rhadames has been killed. Aida's actions prove she loves the captain, and the princess plans revenge.

Rhadames, however, returns in triumph, with the Ethiopian king a prisoner. When the Egyptian priests demand execution of the Ethiopians, Rhadames objects, and the Pharaoh has mercy on the captives, stipulating only that the king and Aida be held as hostages. He then announces that he will give his daughter in marriage to Rhadames as a reward for his victory. This brings despair to the captain and Aida, who love each other.

The third act is set on the banks of the Nile. The Ethiopian king convinces his daughter that she should induce Rhadames to reveal secrets of

his army. This she does, against her better judgment. The two are overheard by the Egyptian princess, who denounces all three. Aida and her father escape, but Rhadames is taken prisoner as a traitor.

Death Sentence.

The first scene of the fourth act is set in the palace. Amneris tells Rhadames she will save his life if he

will give up Aida. This he refuses. The death sentence is then passed on the captain. Aida then rushes to her lover's cell, on learning of the sentence. She tells him that life without him means nothing; that she has come to die with him. The curtain falls as Aida dies in the arms of her beloved, and Rhadames, sentenced to perish of thirst and hunger, falls prostrate across the body of the little Ethiopian princess.

Rosa Karis will sing the role of Aida; Sophie Braslau, Amneris; Alessandro Dolce, Rhadames; Georges Baklanoff, Amun, king of Ethiopia; Vittorio Arimondi, Pharaoh; and Constantine Nicolay, Ramfis, the Egyptian high priest.

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PENREYNDREATH, WELSH TOWN, SAYS MOVIES ARE IMMORAL

LONDON.—Penreyndreath, which is a Welsh town and not a typographical error, considers the movies so immoral that they'll pay good money out of pocket to keep them out of the town.

An enterprising "kiteman" firm tried to get a foothold in the town by promising to hard-headed taxpayers how much their rates would be reduced if the town rented the town hall for a movie house. But movies were

YEP. TEN YEARS OUGHT TO BE LENGTHY ENOUGH

A gray haired woman of 50 entered an employment office here yesterday and asked for a job. She said that she came from an Oklahoma town, and had just divorced her husband. She had three children who were all working. After a somewhat lengthy recital of her marital difficulties, she ended with this solemn declaration:

Shell Destroys U.S. Relief Offices

LONDON, Oct. 22.—The offices at Riga of the American relief administration European children's fund, were destroyed by a high explosive shell Monday, according to a dispatch to the headquarters of the organization here. None of the three officers engaged in the relief work was hurt and the feeding of the children is to proceed as before.

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